

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 25-36 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-24 are canceled without prejudice. New claims 25-36 are added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,915,216 to Lysejko et al. (hereinafter Lysejko) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,722 to Miller (hereinafter Miller).

In view of the foregoing amendment, rejection of claims 1-24 is now moot.

It is respectfully submitted that the cited references of record alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest the new claims.

Withdrawal of the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claims 1-24 is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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